

2 January 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Distribution of NIS General Survey Summary  
Maps to the Academic Community

1. Several years ago when we were involved in the planning and production of several atlases and other types of briefing materials, we approved a project in the Cartography Division based on an overrun of unclassified NIS General Survey summary maps. At the time, it was planned that these maps would be bound together on a regional-coverage basis to constitute a series of reference atlases. So far, some 50 General Survey maps have been produced. The goal of putting these maps in a folio on a regional basis has not proved practical, because of the uneven coverage.

2. Rather than continue with the original plan of atlas or folio production, I am proposing the distribution of these surplus copies of NIS summary maps to Geography Departments in the academic community. This is based on a conviction that limited distribution of the results of sound research serves to enhance the Agency's image among our professional colleagues and to assist in recruiting geographers and cartographers. The summary map is a unique product and we feel it would not only be well received by the Geography Departments, but also would be of tremendous use in their research and teaching.

3. The maps have been compiled from unclassified sources and do not carry Agency attribution. However, their style and the manner of distribution proposed would make them known as CIA-produced maps.

4. I propose sending the attached letter to the Heads of Geography Departments of US academic institutions in order to determine their interest in receiving our maps. We can purchase mailing labels from the Association of American Geographers (approximately 285) and can screen them to eliminate any foreign members.

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5. I recommend your approval of this proposal which has been coordinated with [REDACTED] and the DDI Coordinator for Academic Relations.

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Deputy Director  
Basic and Geographic Intelligence

Attachments:

Draft letter

NIS summary maps

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Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence

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Dear Colleague:

Occasionally we have surplus copies of a map series that might prove useful in the map collection of a Geography Department.

One such series consists of a country Summary Map featuring a terrain-shaded base including inset maps on administrative divisions, population, land-use, industry, etc. At the present time, some 50 countries are available. Others in this series may be available in the future.

If you are interested in having a set of these maps, please complete and return the form below. (Additional sets or individual maps are not available.)

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